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Applicants: Edmund F. La Gamma, et al.

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For : METHOD OF PRODUCING GENETICALLY MODIFIED ASTROCYTES AND USES THEREOF

1185 Avenue of the Americas  
New York, NY 10036  
June 17, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 17, 2002  
OFFICE ACTION AND REQUEST FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the January 17, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 17, 2002 Office Action was originally due April 17, 2002. Applicants hereby request a two-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a two-month extension is TWO-HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) for a small entity. Applicants have previously established small entity status. A check for \$200.00 is enclosed herewith. Thus, a response to the January 17, 2002 Office Action is now due June 17, 2002 and accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 76-79 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter thereof in a continuing application.

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